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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Project [REDACTED] 25X1A

1. I have been reviewing from several aspects the work of the Intelligence Directorate in processing information, particularly by automated means. Discussions are currently in progress in the CIA ADP Committee regarding how the Agency should dispose its computer assets. The IG has been studying the OCR Machine Division and the Special Register Machine Branch, and I have the benefit of his preliminary findings. I have also just gone over the [REDACTED] Phase I Outline Report submitted by Chief, ADP Staff, together with the latest monthly [REDACTED] activity report. At the same time I am very conscious of the current and prospective budgetary position of the Intelligence Directorate. As you know, the resources (slots and moneys) which I have allocated to [REDACTED] are not inconsiderable and future demands are likely to be greater rather than less.

2. Our original concept of [REDACTED] was to develop a DDI computer facility which at some future date would be turned over to the Intelligence Directorate to operate. [REDACTED] is already operational in a number of projects. Its chief remaining developmental task is the data retrieval, information storage system for OCR. This has now progressed to a point where OCR must play a principal part with the help of the ADP Staff in setting the future course of this system. The information processing activities of the Intelligence Directorate, be they in OCR or in [REDACTED] must be kept under single management, that of the DD/I. It makes little sense on any count to separate activities having virtually identical missions simply because one uses more advanced equipment than the other. Moreover, as [REDACTED] evolves it is bound, indeed designed, to have a disruptive effect on OCR. Only by common management can these effects be minimized. Under this concept of operation changes can be better timed, and resources for which I am responsible better deployed. Thus we can guide in a more orderly fashion the evolution of such improved services as the state of the art and available resources permit.

3. I therefore request the return to me at this time

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of Project [REDACTED] (personnel and equipment I have funded), which I intend to set up as a Computer Services Division of OCR. The assistance and guidance of the ADP Staff will of course be needed in further developing our information processing system and in the operating aspects of [REDACTED]

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